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## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General Marine-Hospital Service.]

### *Typhoid fever epidemic in Duluth, Minn.*

DULUTH, MINN., *January 30, 1896.*

Typhoid epidemic seems decreasing. Cause of epidemic sewage contamination of water supply. In November 250 cases, 12 deaths; December, 900 cases, 29 deaths; January, 400 cases to date; 48 deaths. Will send full report soon.

SHERWIN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, M. H. S.*

### *One case of variola in St. Louis.*

ST. LOUIS, MO., *January 21, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report a case of variola in this city, the first since August, 1895. Ellis Wesley, 24 years, colored, applied at city dispensary on the 20th instant, was sent to the city hospital, and thence to the quarantine hospital. He had been in the city the past eight months, but had not been employed on the river. He gave his residence as 814 North Twelfth street, and though this was denied at the place, two suspected houses were fumigated and the inmates vaccinated. No other case was found.

Respectfully, yours,

S. D. BROOKS,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, M. H. S.*

### *Smallpox in Crittenden County, Ark.*

CRAWFORDSVILLE, ARK., *January 29, 1896.*

One new case; discharged 5 yesterday.

A. C. SMITH,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, M. H. S.*